

TOWN OF GROTON

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Dear Members of the CPC-

I am writing this letter to express support on behalf of the Conservation Commission for the Squannacook Greenway's project to extend the Squannacook River Rail Trail.

The Squannacook River Rail Trail, currently 1.8 miles long, serves as a scenic recreational trail for biking, walking, jogging, and horseback riding. When complete, the Squannacook River Rail Trail will be 3.7 miles long. Squannacook Greenways is currently seeking \$30,000 in CPC funds to pay for the next section of the Rail Trail.

Once complete, the Squannacook River Rail Trail will provide an excellent opportunity for members of the community to enjoy a scenic recreational area surrounded by nature. The proposed route provides access to several beautiful hiking trails within the Squannacook River Wildlife Management Area. The trail will help residents of Groton and surrounding communities connect with nature.

The Groton Conservation Commission strongly supports funding for the next phase of the Squannacook River Rail Trail and we fully believe this will be a worthwhile investment of CPA funds.

Thank you,

Eileen McHugh

Chair

Conservation Commission